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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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## CLAIMS:

16. (As Amended) A lithium polymer secondary battery

comprising:

a positive electrode;

a negative electrode which is negative during discharging of the

battery;

a gel polymer electrolyte comprising polymer and an organic electrolyte solution dissolving a lithium salt; and

ceramic particles not relating to the charge and discharge reaction of the battery in the negative electrode;

wherein:

the content of the ceramic particles is 0.01 to 10 parts by weight in 100 parts by weight of active substance in the negative electrode;

the particle size of the ceramic particles is 10 microns or less; and